

computed to consist of near half the Naval Force of *France*: To compleat their Series of Catastrophes, some of them were lost, and others taken in their Return Home; and another mischievous Effect of their Expedition was, that Mr. *La Jonquiere*, by his Presents of the Cloaths of the Seamen and Soldiers, who died on board his Ships of a contagious Distemper, to the *Cape Sable Indians* in the *French* Interest, communicated the Infection, and destroy'd near two-thirds of them.

In the mean time Dispositions went on for preparing the Attempt against *Crown Point*, in forwarding which at *Albany*, supplying Necessaries for the Southern Troops, and engaging the *Indians* of the Six Nations in it, the * Governor of *New York* had many Difficulties to struggle with, which he surmounted; and Preparations had proceeded so far, that Battoes were provided for the Transportation of the Men, Artillery, and Stores across *Lake Champlain*; Ordnance Stores and Provisions were sent from *Boston*, and a Train of Artillery from *New York* to the Fort at *Saratoga*; and by the Middle of *October* 1500 of the *Massachusetts* Troops were upon their March from *Albany* to join those of the Southern Governments.

However, the general Alarm which had been occasioned by the Appearance of the *French* Armament upon the Coast of *Nova Scotia* had suspended the Prosecution of the

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